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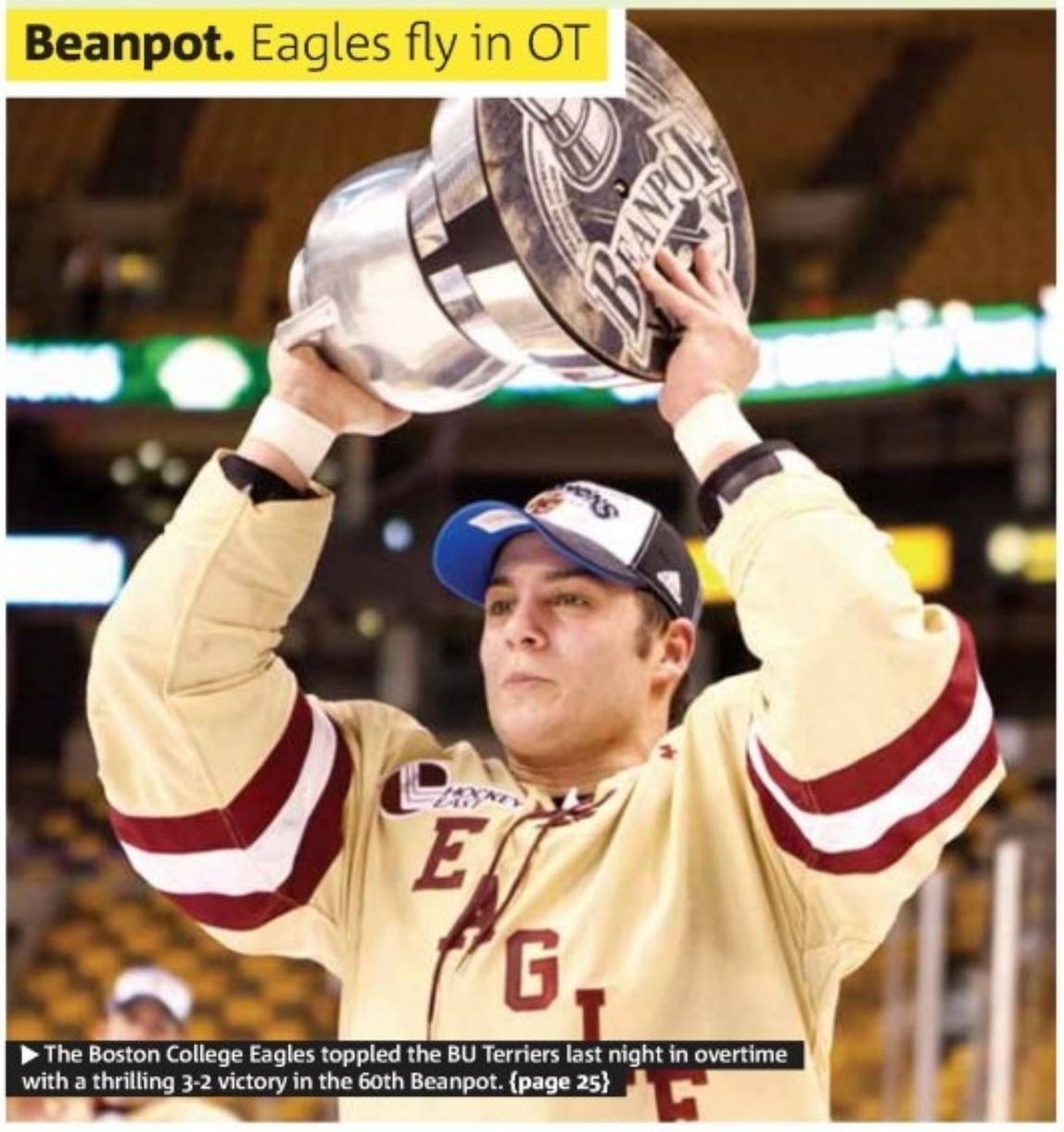

▶ The Boston College Eagles toppled the BU Terriers last night in overtime with a thrilling 3-2 victory in the 60th Beanpot. {page 25}

Will crash data put brakes on progressing cellphone ban?

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In the news

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The average cost to rent an apartment in Greater Boston increased nearly 10 percent last year, the Boston Business Journal reported. With the area's vacancy rate at nearly 4 percent, the average price came out to about $1,904 per month, according to a survey by Axiometrics and PPR. The jump in rent prices was second behind San Francisco, which spiked 17.5 percent in 2011.

Today's local tweet

"The alkie fumes off this man are so strong I might be buzzed by the time I get to work. Only on the #mbta"

@MRSPREPPYHIPPIE DURING HER EARLY MORNING COMMUTE YESTERDAY ON THE MBTA

Celtics. In school

▶ Boston Celtic forward Greg Stiemsma, center, and former Celtic Dana Barros, right, visited with students with perfect attendance at the King K-8 School in Dorchester yesterday to talk about the importance of school work as part of the Stay in School program, which the Boston Celtics have been a part of for 21 years.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Former, current Celtics players go back to school

Former and current members of the Boston Celtics paid a visit to the King School in Dorchester yesterday and urged the pupils to stay in school. Former player Dana Barros and current forward Greg Stiemsma hosted an assembly as part of the Boston Celtics Stay in School program. "Developing good work habits in the classroom will help lay the foundation for success later in life," Barros said. METRO

Whitey's trial to start Nov. 5

BOSTON. A federal magistrate yesterday set the date of James "Whitey" Bulger's trial.

The start date will be Nov. 5, despite objections from Bulger's lawyer.

His lawyer asked that the start be delayed because more time is necessary to review the more than 580,000 documents and other evidence. METRO/BOSTON.COM

Wellesley man gets jail

WELLESLEY. A 24-year-old Wellesley man was sentenced to five years in jail for distributing child pornography.

Joseph Tierney was arrested amid an investigation of the website "Lost Boy," which was dedicated to men with a sexual interest in young boys. METRO

Study: Crashes in states with cell ban not reduced

- A ban on handheld cellphone use is making progress on Beacon Hill
- However, surveys of states with the ban show crashes were not reduced

A ban on handheld cellphone use in the Bay State is one step closer to law, even though studies have found similar bans in other states aren't reducing crashes.

Last month, the state legislative Committee on Transportation voted unanimously to support a handheld cellphone ban. The House and Senate still need to vote on the issue.

While momentum builds up locally, the question remains whether a ban would make the roads safer.

A 2010 analysis by the Highway Loss Data Institute, an insurance industry group, looked at whether accident claims went down after the handheld ban went into affect in Connecticut, California, New York and the District of Columbia.

The findings were perplexing, particularly in light of an earlier study by an affiliated group that showed cellphone use in the car was dangerous.

"We called the findings a conundrum. We would have expected to see a decrease in crashes but we didn't," said Anne Fleming, spokeswoman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a group affiliated with the study. "We and other people have conducted numerous studies based on cellphone records and they established an increased risk using a cellphone. It could be that people who are no longer talking on phones are engaging in another risky practice, like fiddling with the radio or talking to others in the car. It could be the lack of compliance."

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ANNE FLEMING, SPOKESWOMAN, INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

Both Fleming and Jeff Larson, spokesman for the Safe Roads Alliance, a Massachusetts-based advocacy group, agree enforcement is key and that if laws aren't strengthened then people will not take them seriously.

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Groups see law as help to texting ban

Larson, of the Safe Roads Alliance, said they support the ban but primarily to reduce texting while driving.

In 2010, the state Legislature banned texting while driving, but according to Larson, without a hands-free mandate it is close to impossible for authorities to enforce.

"The call for a hands-free requirement is not because there is any change in safety whether you're holding or not holding the phone while talking. It will give police more chance to crack down on texting," he said.

States with bans

Few states have hands-free laws in effect.

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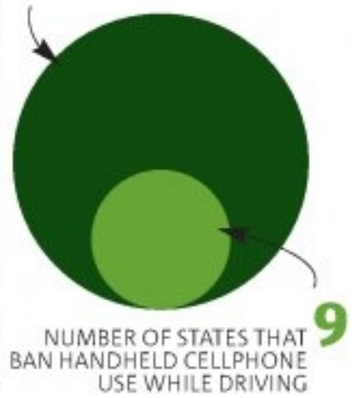
NUMBER OF STATES WITHOUT A HANDS-FREE LAW



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NUMBER OF STATES THAT BAN HANDHELD CELLPHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

Bill has history of failure

In 2010, the state Senate voted 16-18 to defeat a handheld cellphone ban, with opponents contending that holding cellphones aren't causing accidents, but rather the distraction of the conversation is to blame. SHNS

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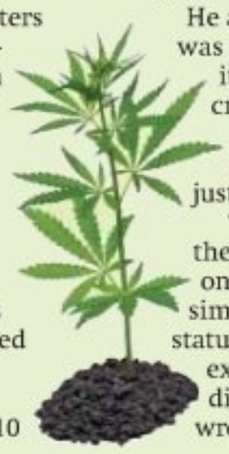
SJC rules on marijuana distribution



BOSTON. While voters chose to decriminalize possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, intent to distribute any amount of the drug is still a crime, the state's highest court ruled yesterday.

The ruling comes from a 2010 incident in Great Barrington. The defendant, who was found with less than one ounce of pot, was charged with possession with intent to distribute.

He argued that there was no crime because it fell under the decriminalization.

The Supreme Judicial Court justices disagreed.

"We conclude that the voters intended only to amend the simple possession statute and intended to exclude ... intent to distribute," they wrote. METRO

BBB warning about V-Day dating scams

While many people will be looking for love with Valentine's Day today, the Better Business Bureau is warning online daters to be wary of potential scammers that prey on lonely hearts.

The bureau said that thousands of complaints were filed against online dating sites nationally last year.

"While many are looking to start a successful and meaningful relationship, there are those using these sites to take advantage of others," said Paula Fleming, vice president of communications and marketing for the Marlborough agency.

Scammers create fake profiles, build online relationships and convince victims to send money in the name of love, according to the agency.

The bureau said warning signs should include when the person claims their love for you within moments of meeting you online, claims to be from America but is traveling overseas or says they plan to visit but is prevented by some sort of emergency. METRO

Tips

The Better Business Bureau warned people to not wire money to someone they have met online because it's likely a scam. Red flag reasons include: travel to come meet you, medical emergencies or travel document fees.

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The number of people nationally who filed complaints against online dating sites last year, according to the Better Business Bureau.

Hub hopefuls turn to Web community to raise cash

What do fruit distribution from India, a product called "Morning Head" and a portable party powered by boom boxes have in common? They are all business ideas launched locally and looking for funding through Kickstarter.com.

The website acts as a platform for people trying to turn pipe dreams into reality by raising money from local donors and curbing the need for capital investment.

Boston engineer Max Valverde, who created "Morning Head" — a product that wets your bed head in a hurry — has raised nearly $5,000 so far from the community, using the site.

"[Kickstarter] is a way to bring something to market quick," said Valverde. "Without it, it could've taken more than a year to vet this project."

Whether it's a physical product, funding for a play or donations for a solo album, creators like Valverde must make a video and offer incentives to "backers" for their contributions.

There is also a level of trust involved, according to Justin Kazmark, director of communications for the website.

"You are pre-purchasing something in advance, but the fulfillment process is the responsibility of the creator," he said.

▶ People donated more than $1,000 to help launch the Decentralized Dance Party in Boston.

While a project isn't guaranteed to come to life, the company hasn't had issues with people abusing the site to get free cash because of "strong social forces" holding creators accountable for completing a project.

Take Harvard University student Annie Ryu, for example. She plans on delivering exotic fruits to people's palates if they help her company "Global Village Fruits" raise funds.

"[Kickstarter] gives me another outlet for publicity instead of just e-mailing people asking for help," she said.

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Backers take pledge, get goodies

BOSTON. When you back a Kickstarter project, you are guaranteed some goodies for helping pitch in. For the Decentralized Dance Party, when people pledged more than $60, they received a "Jammy-Pack;" a combo stereo and fanny pack that plays tunes from your iPod.

The DDP is a battery-powered party on the go scheduled to hit the streets of Boston in May. Hundreds of "party people" will carry boom boxes tuned to an FM broadcast controlled by a DJ. METRO

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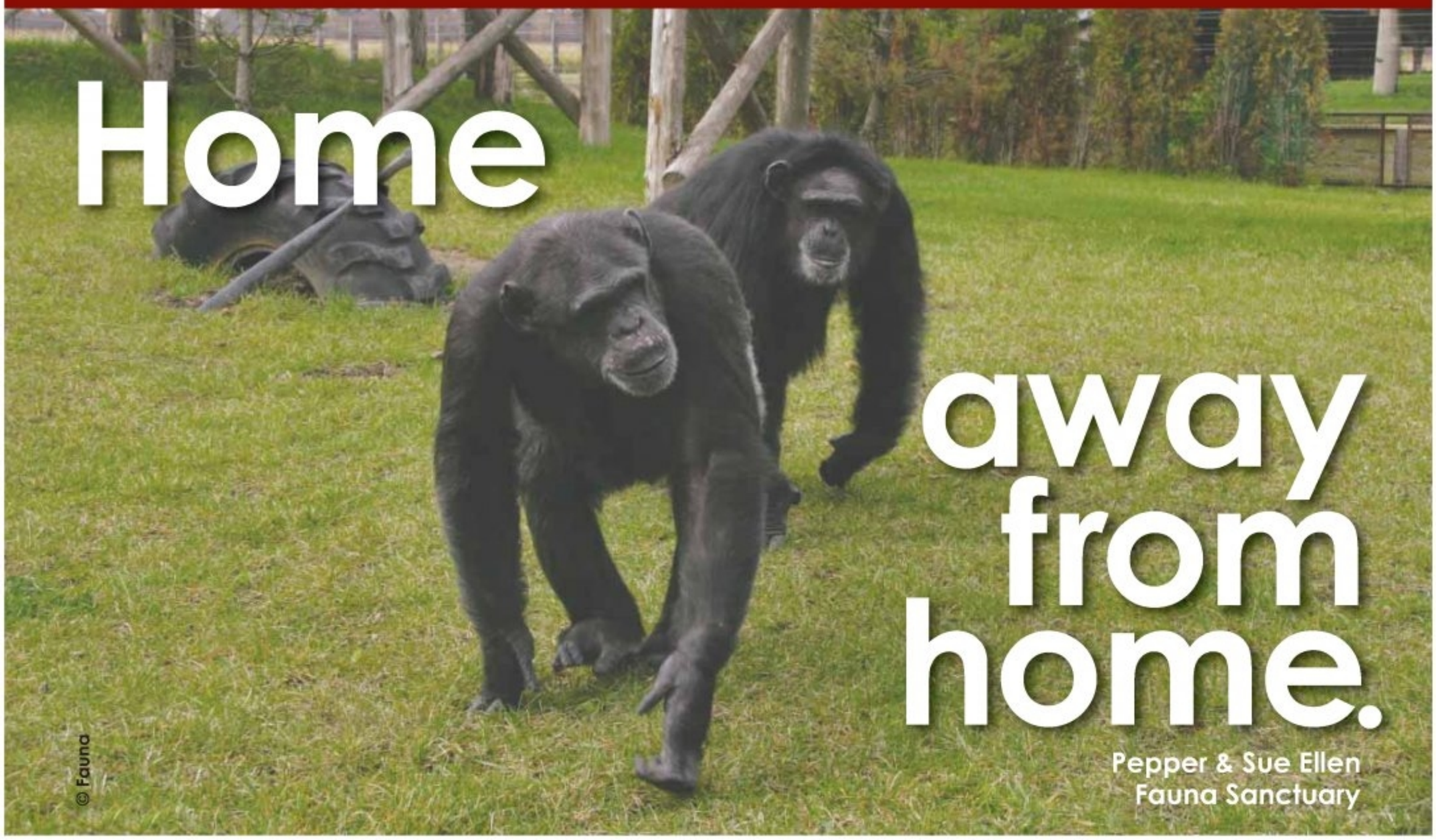

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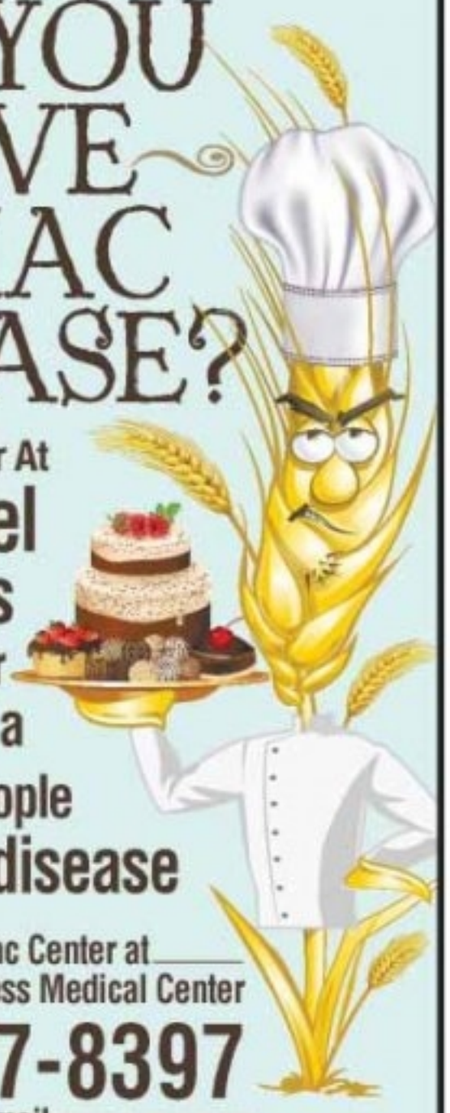

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News in brief

Mattapan murder trial starts

MATTAPAN. Jury selection in the trial of two men accused of killing four people in Mattapan in 2010 began yesterday. Dwayne Moore, 34, of Mattapan and Edward Washington, 32, of Dorchester, sought to have the case dismissed before the trial started, but a judge ruled against that motion yesterday. METRO

BU student still recovering

BOSTON. A Boston University sophomore is recovering from a brain injury suffered after he jumped from the third story of his burning Allston home last month.

Josh Goldenberg is expected to go through rehabilitation early this year and may return to BU in the fall, his father told the Daily Free Press. METRO

MBTA protest draws support of hundreds

In what was one of the largest turnouts yet, hundreds of T riders rallied on the steps of the Boston Public Library yesterday prior to a public hearing on the MBTA's proposed fare hikes and service reductions.

Waving posters with pictures of Gov. Deval Patrick's head, protesters asked passers-by to sign petitions, urging them to call the governor's office to oppose the T's planned cuts.

"The youth and elderly are being asked to take on the burden [of the T's debt] and communities of color are being viciously impacted by these proposals," said the Rev. Jason Lydon.

Lydon, a parishioner at the Community Church of Boston, said he feared his congregation would dwindle with cuts and fare spikes.

Susi Castillo, 18, said she would be forced to withdraw from school if the price to ride transit shot up.

"They don't think about us — the ones behind the CharlieCard," she said.

The hordes of harrowed protesters were just a fraction of the outraged riders speaking out against the T's proposals.

According to MBTA officials, attendance surpassed the 3,000-person mark recently, even before yesterday's hearing.

STEVE ANNEAR

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▶ Hundreds of protesters gathered in Copley Square yesterday.

"If we keep rallying, and if we keep fighting against this, we can stop this. It's not about just one age group, these proposals affect everyone."
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White House sticking to its contraceptive plan

President Barack Obama will not make any more changes to the rule announced last week requiring health insurance plans to provide women with coverage for contraception, although U.S. Catholic bishops have said it violates the church's religious principles.

"We put out the plan that reflects where the president intended to go. This is our plan," White House chief of staff Jacob Lew said on CNN's "State of the Union".

Lew said no religious organization will be required to pay for or facilitate the coverage that it disagrees with since the insurance companies are the ones who will pay.

Asked what incentive insurance companies would have to provide contraception, Lew — Obama's budget director until a few weeks ago — said it would be cost effective just like other preventive health care coverage.

"We didn't expect to get the support of the bishops or all Catholics."
JACOB LEW, ON "FOX NEWS SUNDAY"

"As somebody who's done budgets for a lot of years, when people tell me things don't cost money, I ask a lot of questions," Lew said on ABC News's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

"This is actually one of those exceptions to the rule. If you look at the overall cost of providing health care to a woman, the cost goes up, not down, if you take contraceptives out."

Lew said the White House had not expected universal support for contraceptive coverage, but did find backing from several affected groups, including Catholic hospitals and charities.

"We didn't expect to get the support of the bishops or all Catholics," Lew said on "Fox News Sunday." He added on CBS's "Face the Nation" that the White House has "broad consensus, not universal consensus. This is an approach that's right."

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▶ Jacob Lew, left, said the White House had not expected universal support for contraceptive coverage.

Grandkids allowed to visit Sandusky

A judge yesterday granted nearly all requests from ex-Penn State coach Jerry Sandusky, allowing most of his 14 grandchildren to visit him under house arrest and securing a local jury for his child sex abuse trial.

Judge John Cleland of Centre County Court in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, also denied a prosecution effort to keep Sandusky inside his State College home after a teacher at a neighboring elementary school complained he was standing on his deck, watching students on the playground. REUTERS

Underwear bomber seeks less than life

A lawyer for the Nigerian man who pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a U.S. jumbo passenger jet on Christmas Day in 2009 urged a federal judge yesterday not to sentence him to spend the rest of his life in prison because it was cruel and unusual punishment.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 25, pleaded guilty in a federal court in October 2011 of trying to detonate a bomb hidden in his underwear as part of a plot orchestrated by al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. He is due to be sentenced on Thursday in Detroit and faces up to life in prison for the bombing attempt.

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A day after the Greek government passed austerity measures (a package of pay and pension cuts that saves banks economic pain while punishing average workers), and in which the Greek people took to the streets to violently protest such measures, President Obama's 2013 budget proposal drew renewed attention to the bitter divide among U.S. Democrats and Republicans.

The president's proposal is a combination of spending cuts, tax hikes on the wealthiest earners and stimulus measures. "There is pretty broad agreement that the time for austerity is not today," new White House Budget Director Jack Lew said. "We can't cut our way into growth," Obama reiterated yesterday.

The GOP, however, holding firm on its no-tolerance policy toward new taxes (meaning budget revenues must come exclusively from cuts to popular government programs like Social Security and Medicare) must not have gotten the memo. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan said Obama's plan would result in "America drowning in debt" and "slower economic growth." House Speaker John Boehner called it "a gloomy reflection of his failed policies of the past, not a bold plan for America's future."

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▶ Which economic model do you favor? Let us know at letters@metro.us.

Number crunching

1.8%
Tax Policy Center estimate of federal tax rate on bottom 20 percent of taxpayers under Obama budget proposal

36.3%
TPC estimate of federal tax rate on top 20 percent of taxpayers under Obama proposal

3.4%
TPC estimate of federal tax rate on bottom 20 percent of taxpayers under Mitt Romney's tax plan

25.9%
TPC estimate of tax rate on top 20 percent of taxpayers, under Mitt Romney's proposed tax plan

35%
Estimate of cuts Romney would be forced to make to such programs as Social Security given his pledge to avoid tax hikes and defense cuts

2.2%
Difference — in revenue per GDP — of the two tax plans (Obama's being the larger)

Of course, everyone in Washington knows the Obama budget proposal has zero chance of actually getting passed as-is by the Republican-led Legislature. With most GOP politicians tied into the Grover Norquist no-tax pledge, assent on the budget issue would equate to professional suicide.

The Obama proposal can therefore be seen as a political tool, another weapon in the president's arsenal as he takes his case to the American people for a second term. And the president needs all the arms he can muster: With experts predicting a nasty general election fight in which Wall Street dollars overwhelmingly favor whoever ends up opposing Obama, Big Money is set to play an outsized role in the November elections.

"We can't have Washington stand in the way of America's comeback," Obama said yesterday. Perhaps it would've served the president to also mention the competing visions of Wall Street and Athens.

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Apple launches fresh attack on Samsung

Apple Inc. raised the stake in an intensifying global patent battle with Samsung Electronics by targeting the latest model using Google's fast growing Android software, a move which may affect other Android phone makers.

Apple has asked a federal court in California to block Samsung from selling its new Galaxy Nexus smartphones, which use Google's newest version of Android, called Ice Cream Sandwich, alleging four patent violations including new features such as a voice-command search function.

Galaxy Nexus, the official debut of which was delayed by Samsung in October to pay respect to Apple's co-founder Steve Jobs, is the first phone running on the newest Android version before the platform is widely adopted by hardware manufacturers such as HTC Corp. and Motorola Mobility. HTC and Motorola are also in separate patent disputes with Apple.

In a lawsuit filed last week in San Jose, Calif., Apple said the Galaxy Nexus infringes on patents of underlying features customers expect from Apple products. Those include the ability to unlock phones by sliding an image and to search for information by voice. **REUTERS**

Still fighting

Last year, Apple alleged that Samsung illegally copied iPhone and iPad design features and the look of its screen icons. That case is still going on.

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▶ There's more to this than you think.

The science of ponytails

LONDON. British scientists said on Friday that a "Rapunzel Number" may have helped them to crack a problem that has perplexed humanity since Leonardo da Vinci pondered it 500 years ago.

Scientists from the University of Cambridge and the University of Warwick said they had devised a "Ponytail Shape Equation," which when calculated using the Rapunzel Number and a measure of the curliness of hair can be used to predict the shape of any ponytail.

Cambridge's professor Raymond Goldstein told Reuters that he and his colleagues took account of the stiffness of individual hairs, the effects of gravity and the average waviness of human hair to come up with their formula.

The Rapunzel Number provides a key ratio needed to calculate the effects of gravity on hair relative to its length.

"That determines whether the ponytail looks like a fan or whether it arcs over and becomes nearly vertical at the bottom," Goldstein said in a telephone interview. **REUTERS**

McDonald's to phase out pig-cruel pens

ILLINOIS. McDonald's Corp., the world's largest restaurant chain, will require its pork suppliers to get rid of gestation pens that animal-rights groups have long deemed cruel to pigs.

"There are alternatives that we think are better for the welfare of sows," Dan Gorsky, McDonald's senior vice president of North America supply-chain management, said in a statement today, released with the Humane Society of the United States.

The company, which uses pork in sausage McMuffins, breakfast platters and McRib sandwiches, will require its suppliers to submit plans by May to phase out the metal cages.

McDonald's is "one of the largest purchasers of pork — bacon and sausage, in particular," David Warner, a spokesman for the National Pork Producers Council, said in an e-mail. **BLOOMBERG**

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More on Houston's death

Details continue to come out about the cause of **Whitney Houston**'s untimely death at the age of 48 on Saturday.

▶ Though authorities are not confirming anything other than she was found in the bathtub, TMZ.com now reports the cause of death was from an overdose of Xanax and liquor, which may have led to a deadly heart attack. According to the site, coroner officials informed the family that there was not enough water in Whitney's lungs for a drowning as was initially assumed. Officials believe she passed away before her head became submerged in water, though the official toxicology report won't be complete for four to six weeks.

▶ Although earlier reports say that her stylist, hairdresser and two bodyguards were among those who found Houston underwater, reports now say it was her aunt **Mary Jones** who discovered Houston's body. TMZ.com says Houston had apparently been in the bathroom for more than an hour when Jones went in to check on her. Upon seeing Houston, Jones pulled the singer out of the tub and started CPR. RadarOnline.com reports that her body was probably under water for 30 minutes and the autopsy shows that her body had no "obvious signs of trauma, but her throat appeared to be inflamed upon examination."

▶ Houston's body was scheduled to be flown to Newark, N.J., last night on the private plane of **Tyler Perry.** There, Whigham Funeral Home — which handled the funeral for Houston's father and for **Anne Drinkard Moss**, the sister of Houston's mother **Cissy Houston** — will reportedly be handling the arrangements.

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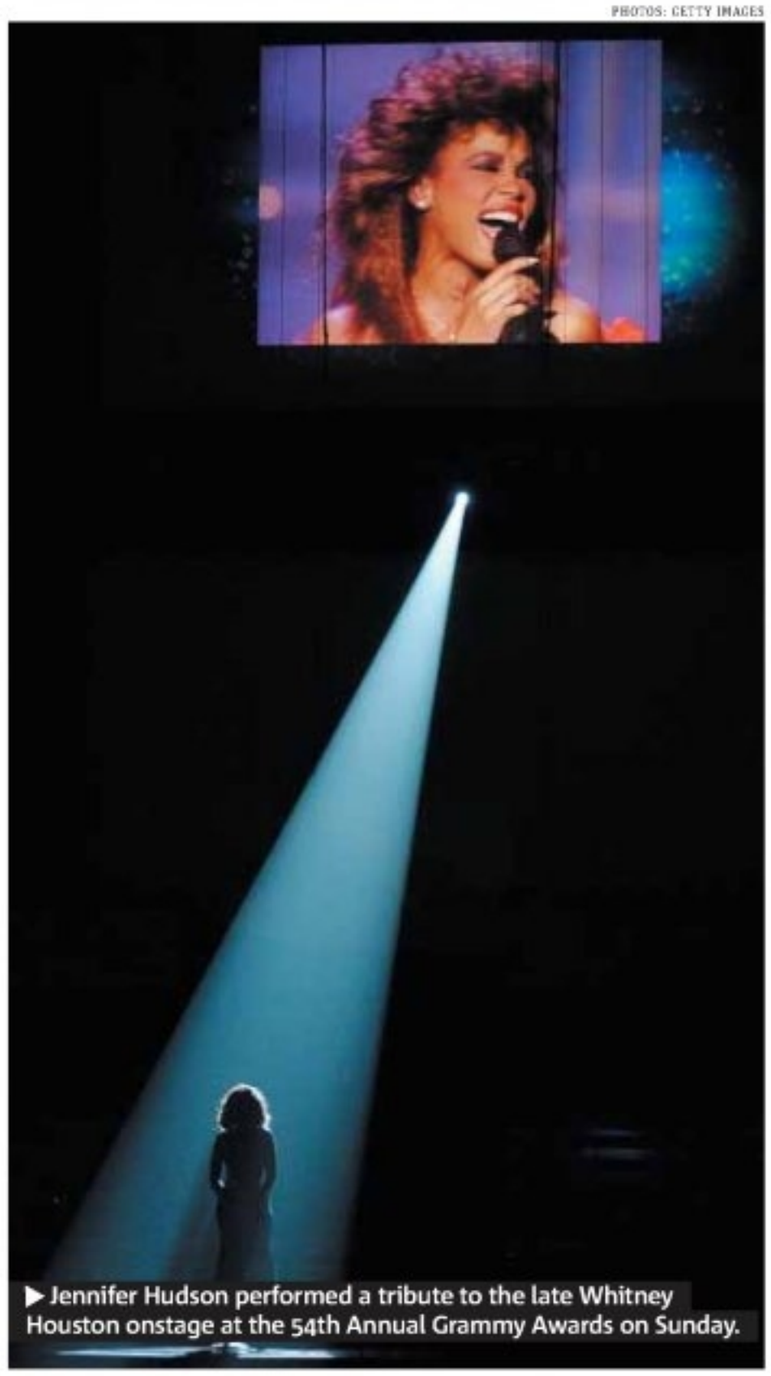


▶ Jennifer Hudson performed a tribute to the late Whitney Houston onstage at the 54th Annual Grammy Awards on Sunday.

Brown and Houston are seen in the Bahamas in 2000.

Bobby Brown flies to be with Bobbi Kristina

It's about time: Houston's ex-husband, **Bobby Brown**, has finally flown to Los Angeles to be with his 18-year-old daughter **Bobbi Kristina**, who's been hospitalized twice in the wake of her mother's death. Although there is no concrete information for why, RadarOnline reports that it might be the same culprit that killed her mother. "She tried to ease the pain of losing her mother by having a few alcoholic drinks. She was distraught, on the verge of a complete breakdown. Not knowing what to do, members of her mother's entourage tried to calm her down with a sedative," a source says. The mixture of alcohol and drugs caused Brown to then collapse.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Kanye West is inquisitive, Russell Brand is worried about what's become of society, Marlee Matlin is wishing you a lovely day and Sarah Silverman is getting to know the Bible.

@kanyewest
Pardon me... do you have any crepe chiffon?

@rustyrockets
The intuitive mind is a gift and the rational mind a servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.

@MarleeMatlin
Before I forget, Happy Valentine's Day. I'll be half a world away but thinking about you. Support the freedom to love and live peacefully.

@sarahksilverman
I just read John: 3:16. It's dumb!

West

Talking points

Perry's new breakup song

Katy Perry debuted a new, venom-filled breakup song, "Part of Me," at the Grammys this weekend, and viewers couldn't help assuming the song's biting lyrics were directed at soon-to-be ex-husband **Russell Brand**. "You chewed me up and spit me out, like I was poison in your mouth. You took my light, you drained me down, you ripped me off, your love was cheap," Perry sang.

▶ Perry on Sunday

Perry even altered some of the song's original lyrics to fit her current situation, changing, "You can keep the dog from me, I never liked him anyway" to, "Keep your diamond ring. In fact, you can keep everything except for me."

Meet Adele's new beau!

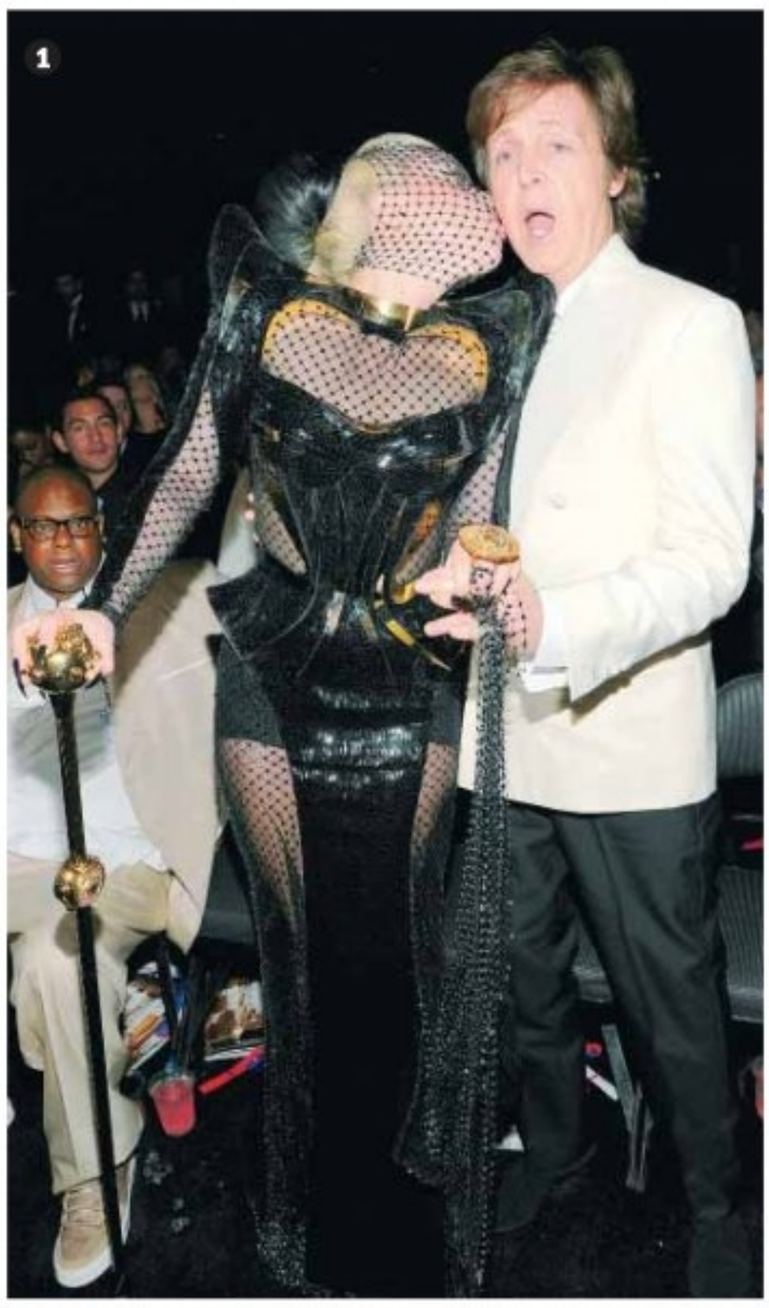
Not only were the Grammy Awards a big night trophy-wise for **Adele**, but it was also a chance for the British singer to make her first official appearance with boyfriend **Simon Konecki**, according to Us Weekly. Konecki was by Adele's side in the front row of the Staples Center as she won in all six categories in which she was nominated. The pair had previously been spotted last month on a romantic trip to the Florida Everglades.

Jackson takes it to Obama

Samuel L. Jackson's decision to support **Barack Obama** in 2008 was due to the president's race, the actor tells Ebony magazine. "I voted for Barack because he was black. Because that's why other folks vote for other people — because they look like them," Jackson says. "That's American politics, pure and simple. In the end, he's a politician."

Not selling photos of Blue Ivy

While most celebrities with babies work out a deal with a magazine for the first official images of their newborns, **Beyonce** and **Jay-Z** went another route, posting shots of **Blue Ivy Carter** on a Tumblr site. And stylist June Ambrose, who worked on the photo shoot, says the new mom wouldn't have it any other way. "B really, really thought about this," Ambrose tells Us Weekly. "She really wanted to do it this way. She just couldn't imagine selling pictures of her baby."



Behind the scenes at the 2012 Grammys

1. Best photo of the night: **Lady Gaga** and **Paul McCartney** get friendly.

2. Taylor Swift showed off her country side with her new single, "Mean."

3. JLo who? **Marc Anthony** showed off his new girlfriend **Shannon de Lima**.

4. Hate him or hate him, **Chris Brown** posed with his award for Best R&B Album backstage.

5. You know who these happy guys are? They're Super Bowl winners **Victor Cruz** and **Mario Manningham** of the New York Giants, posing in the press room. This so should've been Gronk and Brady!

6. Besties **Rihanna** and **Katy Perry** kept each other company during the awards show.

7. Bruce Springsteen opened up the show with the E Street Band performing his new single, the patriotic anthem "We Take Care of Our Own."

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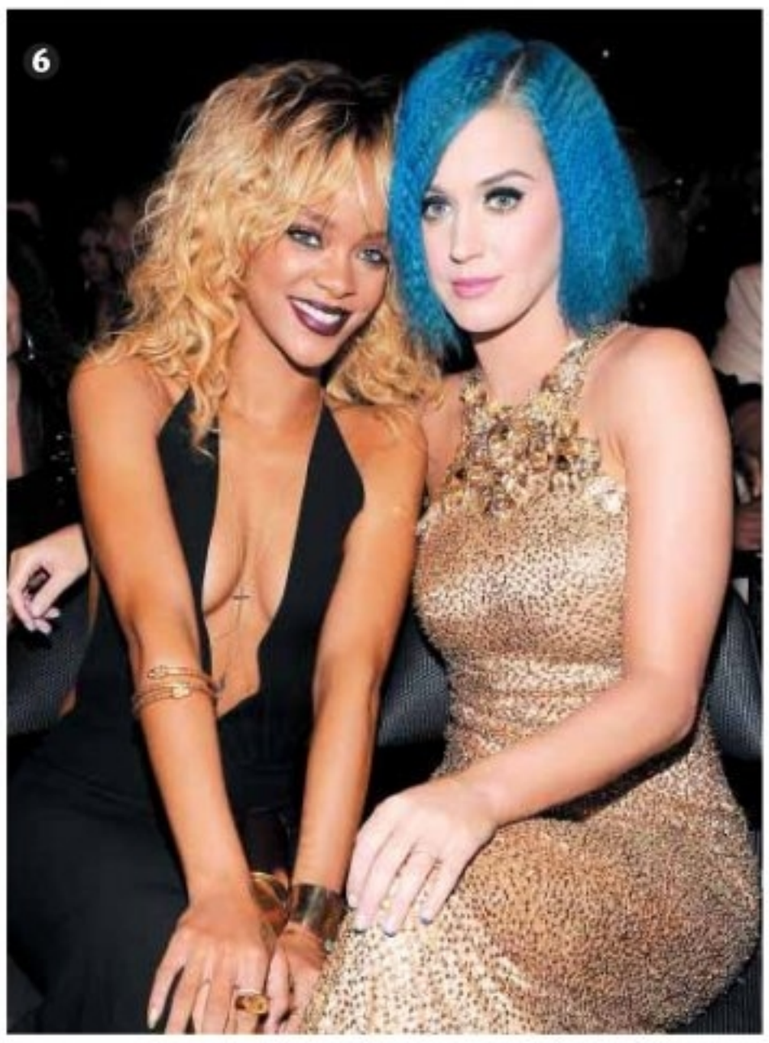

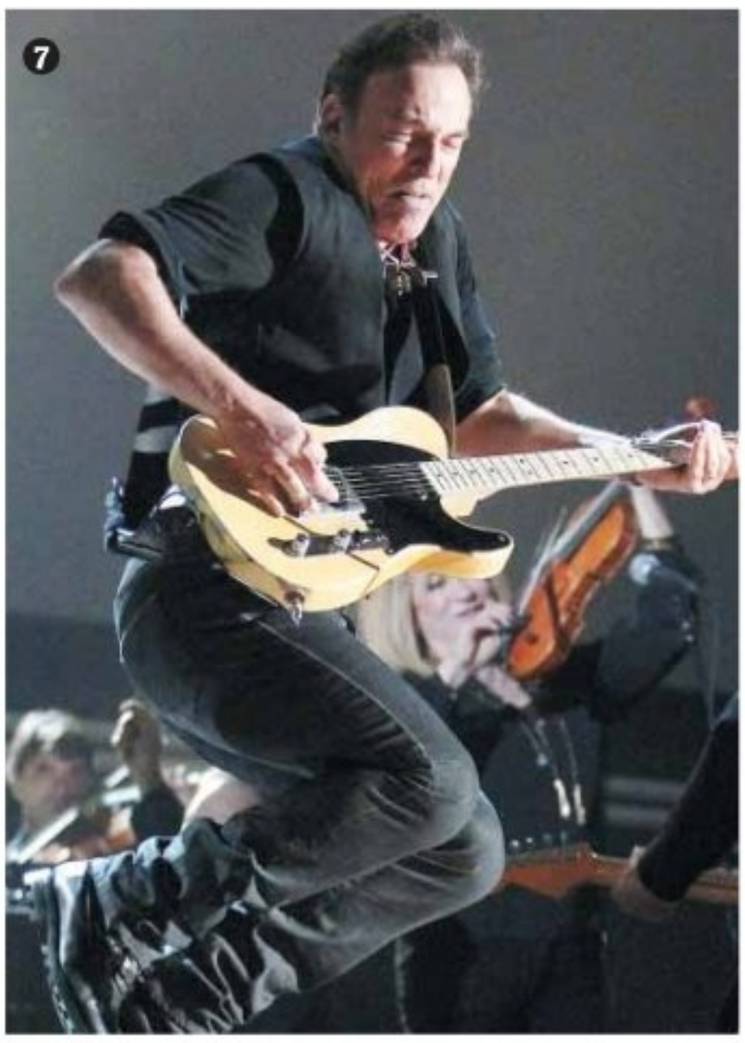

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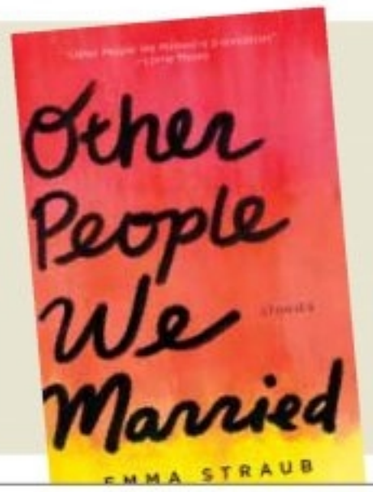
Your Valentine's Day reading list

Who needs a valentine when you can commit to a good book? We asked some of our favorite authors to share their picks for their top romantic reads



Emma Straub

Author of "Other People We Married"

Her pick: "'Emma' and 'Pride and Prejudice' are my favorites, both funny and sharp and yes, swoon-worthy. Is it so wrong that I'm a sucker for a happy ending?"

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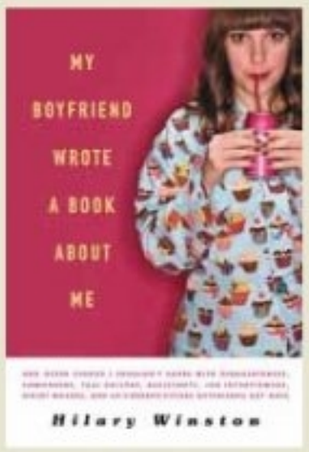
Jane Austen

Rachel Hore

Author of "A Place of Secrets"

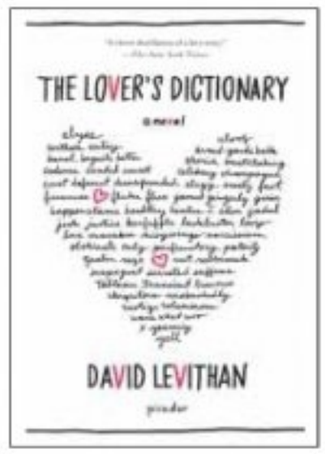
Her pick: "My current favorite romantic read about love and relationships is 'The Very Picture of You' by Isabel Wolff Bantam. It's the moving story of Ella Graham, a portrait painter, who falls in love with someone she's not supposed to and eventually finds happiness in an unexpected way."



Hilary Winston

Author of "My Boyfriend Wrote a Book About Me"

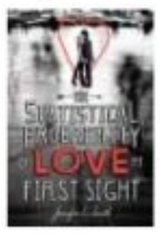
Her pick: "Graham Greene's 'The End of the Affair.' Set during World War II, this book brings all the best romantic novel elements together: Unrequited love, undying love, a love triangle, betrayal, jealousy, misunderstandings, bomb explosions and death. Read it and weep."



David Levithan

Author of "The Lover's Dictionary"

His pick: "As someone who boards every plane in the hope that true love will be found in the seat next to him, I was predisposed to love Jennifer E. Smith's 'The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight.' Granted, her pair meet at the airport before the flight even begins — but what starts off as 'meet cute' becomes something much more serious and much more interesting."



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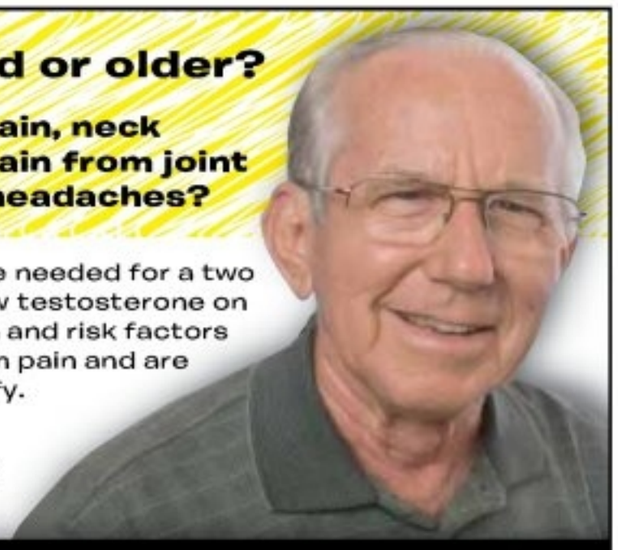

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A DIY approach to television

In January, "Cougar Town" creator Bill Lawrence wasn't sure when his ABC sitcom would make it back onto the network's lineup. "I'm not superpsyched about the predicament we're in," he said of being left off the midseason schedule, "and I don't feel bad for saying it." So Lawrence thought outside of the 8-to-11 p.m. timeslot, and over the next month brought his cult comedy directly to viewers at select screenings in bars around the country, where the show's cast and crew hung out and drank with fans, Lawrence and co-creator Kevin Biegel footing the bill themselves.

"Awareness comes from the outside, not within the networks anymore," Lawrence said of his promotion strategy when we caught up with him at a "Cougar Town" press event that he — you guessed it — funded from his own pocket. "I don't think they can launch their own stuff. They pick one show each year — one drama, one comedy — to put all their money behind and that's what the champion is. It either works or it doesn't."

▶ After staging screenings for fans, the "Cougar Town" crew is back on ABC tonight at 8:30.

ABC/BOB D'AMICO

But the success story this winter has been the underdog: "Cougar Town" did finally get its winter premiere, with the third season kicking off tonight. It's an episode Lawrence knows will appeal to those fans he shared a big glass of wine with, and hopes will draw newcomers who have heard the DIY buzz as well.

"We made the first episode essentially like a third-year pilot, so that new people aren't excluded [from the storylines]," he explains. "It's a big spoiler to tell you what happens in it, but it certainly eliminates all elements of any cougars. This will be the one show called 'Cougar Town' without any elements of cougars whatsoever."

A little bird told him ...

Tooting his Twitter horn

An avid Twitter user, Lawrence first drew attention to the show's "underground" screenings via the site. "Producers are using Twitter because it is the open door to brand yourself," he says. "Right now, you watch a TV show, you go, 'Hey! It's Tom Selleck and his new TV show.' But every writer wants to be like, 'Hey! It's Bill Lawrence and his new TV show.'"

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Take the scare out of dentist's chair

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, a great time to remind your kids about the importance of good oral hygiene. Unfortunately, for many kids, the dentist's office can be a frightening place. Use these tips from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to help calm your little one before his or her next appointment.

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▶ A trip to the dentist's office doesn't have to be terrifying.

Start now. The AAPD recommends that every child visit a dentist by his or her first birthday and establish a regular office. The earlier the visit, the better the chances of preventing dental problems, which can source fear for visits to come.

Test the waters. Parents with toddlers who have not yet seen a dentist should consider a "get acquainted" visit to introduce their kids to the dental office before the first appointment.

Choose words wisely. Be careful about using scary words. Check-ups and 90 percent of first visits do not have anything to do with "hurt," so don't even use the word!

Make "pediatric" a priority. Pediatric dentists are the pediatricians of dentistry, with two to three years of specialized training in treating children beyond dental school. Plus, because they see only children, their office environment is set up for children.

Manage expectations. Before the visit, explain that the dentist is a friend and will help your child keep his or her teeth healthy. Reinforce that the visit will be fun. METRO

Tips

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▶ Keep your kids moving indoors when the weather's too cold.

Cabin fever cures

If the cold weather is keeping your child housebound, help her blow off some steam with these fun get-moving ideas from Steve Ettinger, certified fitness expert and author of the children's book "Wallie Exercises."

Pillow hop: Place pillows all over the floor and challenge your kid to jump around without touching them.

Wacky weights: Fill a zip-top bag with dry beans and stuff it into an empty paper-towel roll, then glue a cardboard circle to each end of the roll to make a dumbbell. Show your kid how to perform simple moves like overhead presses and biceps curls.

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MGH Institute of Health Professions graduate students enjoy lunch in the recently renovated 2 Constitution Center building.

The new space, which overlooks the USS Constitution in Charlestown, includes new Physical Therapy labs, an active learning classroom with state-of-the-art technology, and study areas that graduate students in nursing, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology are using.

The active learning classroom room eschews the traditional lecture room layout. Students sit around stations and collaborate on real or simulated case studies and apply their knowledge to patient situations. Each station has a 42-inch monitor where information can be shared with their group or the entire class.

"One of the requests from faculty was the ability to use video technology to display and capture faculty presentations and student practicum exams," said Chief Information Officer Denis Stratford. He said the Physical Therapy labs have six digital cameras so students can review their work.

"Students are thinking and working together, as members of a team," said School of Nursing Dean Laurie Lauzon Clabo, PhD, RN, "This cutting-edge approach to health professions education will better prepare students to function as members of an interprofessional team in the clinical setting."

The expansion also allowed the creation of several new classrooms in the school's main academic building, located at 36 First Avenue. The student population at the graduate school, which now occupies more than 100,000 square feet in four buildings, has grown more than 83% in the past seven years as more college graduates have decided to change their career and pursue a health care profession that offers high satisfaction, job stability, and above-average pay.

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Lasell College Graduate and Professional Studies Time Management Tips for Your Graduate Education

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"I have a firm belief that anybody can be a successful student if they know how they learn best and if they can organize their time," says Joan Dolamore, Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies at Lasell College in Newton. Dean Dolamore has given several presentations on time management and is dedicated to helping graduate students succeed. Here are her top tips for balancing school and life.

1. Embrace your role as student. It's critical that you respect your new role and make the commitment it takes, or no one else around you will.
2. Schedule time to study. Block out study time in your calendar beforehand. Factor in study breaks as well.
3. Choose a place to get your work done. Set up a space that can become your designated study area. This space should be free of distractions but also it should be a place where you enjoy spending time. If you can't create a space at home, college libraries provide an excellent environment.
4. Learn to say 'no.' It's hard to turn down family, friends, and work, but in order to be successful, it might mean that you have to say 'no.'
5. Re-think the way you read. The student muscle needs to be built up over time. Read the most difficult parts of an assignment when you're most energetic. When starting a new assignment, read the summary first, and then flip through the pages to get an idea of what the material covers, and then go back and read what interests you.

Dean Dolamore has an Ed.D. in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University and has focused her academic career on developing innovative programs for adult learners.

Learn more about Lasell's Graduate and Professional Studies at one of the upcoming graduate information sessions. Attend an on-campus information session on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hamel House – Visitor Center, 221 Woodland Rd, Auburndale, MA 02466. Register at www.lasell.edu/gradrsvp.

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opened my eyes to the extent and causes of health-related inequalities and gave me tools to help alleviate those problems," she says.

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As Residential Supervisor for Bridgewell, Carl Baker helps provide residential, employment, and clinical services to people with disabilities. He gravitated toward nonprofit work nearly 10 years ago because he enjoyed helping people and working with others.

Today, he is earning a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree at Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School to fine-tune his skills and learn how to handle some of the unique challenges in the field.

Other students, like Brien Courchene, enroll in Suffolk's MPA Program to change careers. After working in financial services at State Street for five years, Courchene realized that federal government was his true passion.

The program prepares students for careers in all areas of public service, including government, healthcare, and nonprofit organizations. MPA alumni include members of the Massachusetts House and Senate, as well as cabinet-level officials, municipal managers, and chief executive officers in every type of public service organization.

Suffolk is one of five universities in New England with a program that is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

"Today's managers need to be able to lead people within their organizations, create partnerships outside the organizations, and solve problems by engaging citizens and their communities in decision-making. The Suffolk MPA is a pragmatic program – we provide students with the technical skills and management knowledge needed to succeed," explained Richard H. Beinecke, chair and professor of Public Administration.

The 14-course MPA curriculum emphasizes the development of knowledge and expertise, while also allowing the students the flexibility to follow several different career tracks. They can focus on areas such as health policy; nonprofit management; and state, local, or federal government.

Classes are conveniently offered in the evenings and on Saturdays at the Boston campus and at the off-site Cape Cod campus. Students may enroll full- or part-time. "I like that's it's easy to build a schedule around working hours," said Baker. His classmates are a diverse mix of full-time students and experienced professionals, which leads to a "rich and dynamic" classroom setting, he said.

Suffolk also offers joint master's degrees in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Mental Health Counseling, and a Juris Doctorate/MPA.

With a hands-on approach to learning, students can apply their classroom knowledge in the real-world. Last fall, Courchene interned for the Committee to Elect Matt Nelson to the Cambridge City Council. "It was one of the most amazing and educational experiences of my life," he said. Courchene had never been involved with public service before. Working with Nelson, who is a Suffolk MPA alumnus, reaffirmed Courchene's decision to switch careers.

Students also receive one-on-one support from industry professionals, as part of the Mentorship Program. Baker describes the meetings with his mentor as "very fruitful," adding, "It's nice to be able to have a candid conversation with someone who's been there and done that."

Suffolk's Institute for Public Service offers several fellowships and scholarships, including the Public Service Commonwealth Fellowship, the Menino Scholarship, the Moakley Fellowship, the Rappaport Public Policy Fellowship, and the Presidential Fellowship programs.

To learn more, visit www.suffolk.edu/MPA or attend the next Graduate Information Session on Monday, March 5 at the Omni Parker House Hotel, Boston. To reserve your place, contact the Graduate Admissions Office at 617.573.8302 or grad.admission@suffolk.edu.

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As you investigate educator licensure programs, look for challenging and relevant coursework, clinical experience, flexible scheduling, and a supportive environment. For over 100 years, Lesley University has prepared educators through a broad range of innovative programs offered at our Cambridge campus, regional sites across Massachusetts, online, and through partnerships with local schools. You can earn a Master's degree and an Initial license in Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle and High School, Special Education, Reading, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Technology in Education, Visual Art, School Guidance, School Adjustment Counseling, and several programs that lead to dual licensure. In addition, two new initiatives are in the works: an arts integrated program leading to Initial license in Teaching English as a Second Language and a Noyce Teacher Fellowship Grant funded program leading to Initial license in Math or Science.

Along with completing a program, candidates pursuing an Initial license must pass several state teacher exams known as MTEL, Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure. These exams can be challenging, and it is wise to start them early and plan accordingly. Communication & Literacy Skills, required for all license areas, can be taken as soon as possible since education coursework is not required. Other MTELs are content-related, and coursework may be necessary before attempting those. Lesley University prepares and supports students for the tests and offers preparation workshops for Communication & Literacy Skills, Early Childhood, General Curriculum, and Foundations of Reading. Workshops are available to enrolled students and the public.

We invite you to attend Lesley's Pathways to Licensure event on March 1 to learn more about licensure and MTEL preparation. As a leader in teacher training, Lesley's Master's and licensure programs are relevant, practical, academically challenging, and done in a supportive learning environment.

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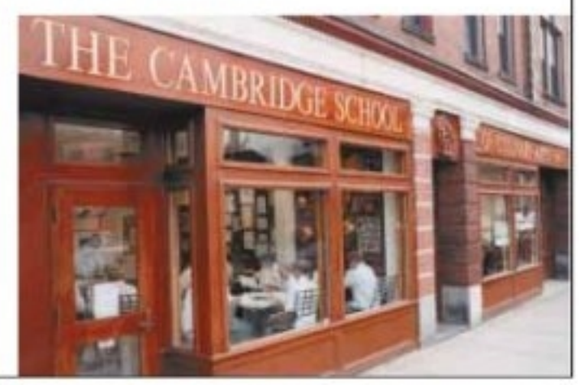

Cambridge College Earns High Marks from Undergraduates

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Cambridge College will be nationally known for providing quality, innovative and relevant higher education opportunities through a student-centered and participatory learning model that empowers our students, enriches our community and transforms the future.

Cambridge College Vision Statement

Between March 15 and May 16, 2011, all degree-seeking, undergraduate-level Cambridge College students were invited to participate in an Adult Learner Inventory Survey developed jointly by Noel-Levitz and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). This national survey was created to measure the unique needs of adult undergraduate students. It identifies the importance students place on various aspects of campus life, and measures their satisfaction levels. Among the items that Cambridge College students thought were important (and were most satisfied with) were:

- "The faculty in my program are experts and scholars in their field."
- "My program allows me to pace my studies to fit my life and work schedules."
- "The learning experiences within my program of study challenge me to reach beyond what I know already."
- "My studies are closely related to my life and work goals."
- "My instructors respect student opinions and ideas that differ from their own."
- "Most instructors use a variety of teaching methods."
- "This institution has a diverse student body."
- "I have a clear understanding of what I'm expected to learn in my classes."
- "I am encouraged to apply the classes I've taken toward a degree or certificate."
- "I am able to obtain information I need by phone, fax, email, or online."
- "Processes and procedures for enrolling here are convenient."

Cambridge College is nationally recognized for breaking down barriers in access to quality education. Students who have overcome great challenges have always been central to the College'smission and enjoy a great deal of mentor support. Additionally, the College has been recognized for serving the African-American and Latino communities in New England, and is committed to providing one of the lowest tuition rates among private universities and independent colleges in Massachusetts.

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Discover Cambridge College for yourself at an information session on Wednesday, February 15 at the main campus, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, between Central Square and Harvard Square on the Red Line. For those farther north, the Merrimack Valley campus at 60 Island Street in Lawrence will hold an information session on Tuesday, March 6: drop in anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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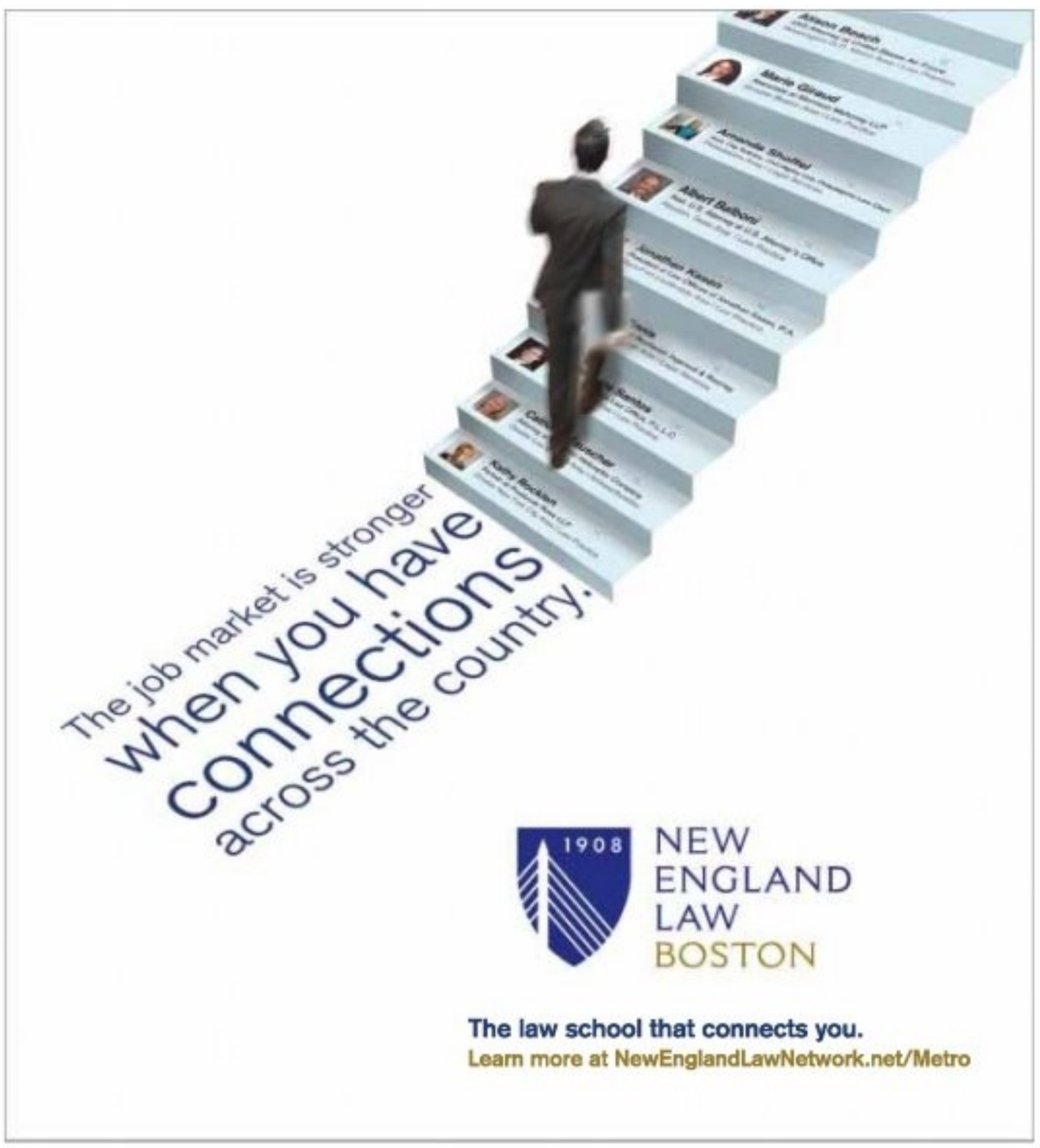

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The Paralegal Studies certificate program is offered Saturdays in the classroom, with spring 2012 courses beginning on March 24. An information session for interested students is scheduled for February 21, at 6 p.m., at 725 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 314, on the BU Charles River Campus in Boston.

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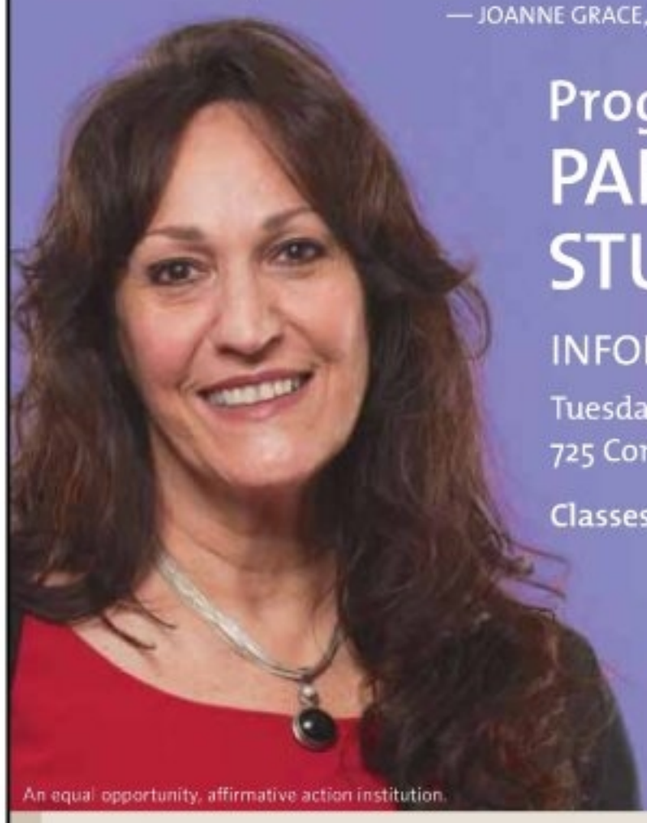

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Taking debate back into 21st century

RE: "READERS PASSIONATE ABOUT CONTRACEPTION": I was raised Roman-Catholic, so I take responsibility for my church's insane 1950s mentality by publicly denouncing its recent actions. The Catholic Church ranks dead last in moral authority as it has spent the last 20-30 years passing around pedophilic priests to hide them from law enforcement. Perhaps if priests actually had sex — if they had wives and kids to support — they might educate themselves about what exactly is wrong with their outdated worldview on sex. **JD DUCAS, SOUTHIE**

All the women in the house who want increased, unwanted pregnancy and their health care to cost more than men's say "Yo!" ... Say "Yo!" ... Hello? Hello?! **SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL**

It is obvious to see through Mr. DuPont's statements that he is biased in his opinions on "King Obama." Most Catholic women use some sort of contraceptive, and I don't hear the church making statements against women of the Catholic faith. **ROBERT GREENE, VIA E-MAIL**

"Simply put, anything that President Obama does is against people of faith."

Simply put, anything that President Obama does is against people of faith: Whether it is Christians, Muslims or Jews doesn't really matter; either way, he is against it and quite direct in attacking it. When it comes to women, what Obama is doing is telling people who are against abortion that they will support it whether they want to or not. Where is the freedom of their choice to oppose it? This is dangerous to the U.S. Constitution; so much in fact that people in Communist China are making fun of him! **JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL**

Where are all the moderate readers?

I enjoy the letters to the editor, but they're a bit repetitive and childish; you know, the comments that every problem in the world was perpetrated by the Republicans and that Republicans don't want to pay taxes (despite the fact that Obama flipped and voted to continue the lower taxes rates Bush implemented). Where are the opinions of the independent readers? These would be welcomed. **RON FALCON, VIA E-MAIL**

Bailouts went to banks instead of us

At the onset of this Great Recession, in an economy where consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of GDP, American households maxed out on their credit. Consequently, families reduced spending and the economy tanked. However, instead of assisting strapped consumers — the engine of our economy — Congress bailed out the banks and insidiously revised the bankruptcy laws, making them more severe, to the banks' benefit. Now, while households struggle to reduce debt with credit card rates, on average, still in double-digits, the economy remains tepid. **GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's never a good day to get involved in the financial affairs of friends, especially if you're asked to play the role of a banker. It's one of the quickest ways to break up a relationship.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Guard against talking about important things as if you've already accomplished them. It could cause you to be unrealistic about the chore at hand and let down your game.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** There are two means of thinking that could hold you back: one is nursing self-defeating thoughts and the other is repeating a mistake that you've made over and over again.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't pry too deeply into a friend's personal affairs, because you could uncover something juicy that you wouldn't be able to resist telling others about. Mind your own beeswax.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be extremely careful about who you choose to go to for advice; sometimes the people you like the most don't have all the answers. Make sure your adviser knows what he or she is talking about.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should take care not to jump to conclusions when you don't have all the facts. Any decisions you make will be flawed if the information they're based on is worthless.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There's a good possibility that you will be prone to taking risks both financially and otherwise, just because you want a long shot to pan out.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Neither you nor your mate are likely to be very good at keeping promises made to one another. Be careful not to pledge something that you don't know how to make good on.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Avoid participating in office gossip and workplace scuttlebutt. Word might get back to the boss that you're the big-mouth who is causing the anger.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be extremely protective of your belongings and resources. Any carelessness on your part, such as leaving things unattended or out in the open, will lead to a regrettable loss.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a chance that you could be kind to undeserving people in hopes of changing them, while being tight with those who are generous and giving. Reverse that.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although usually you base your evaluations on logic and practicality, you might ignore these factors and go with what suits you at the moment. This could prove to be quite unwise. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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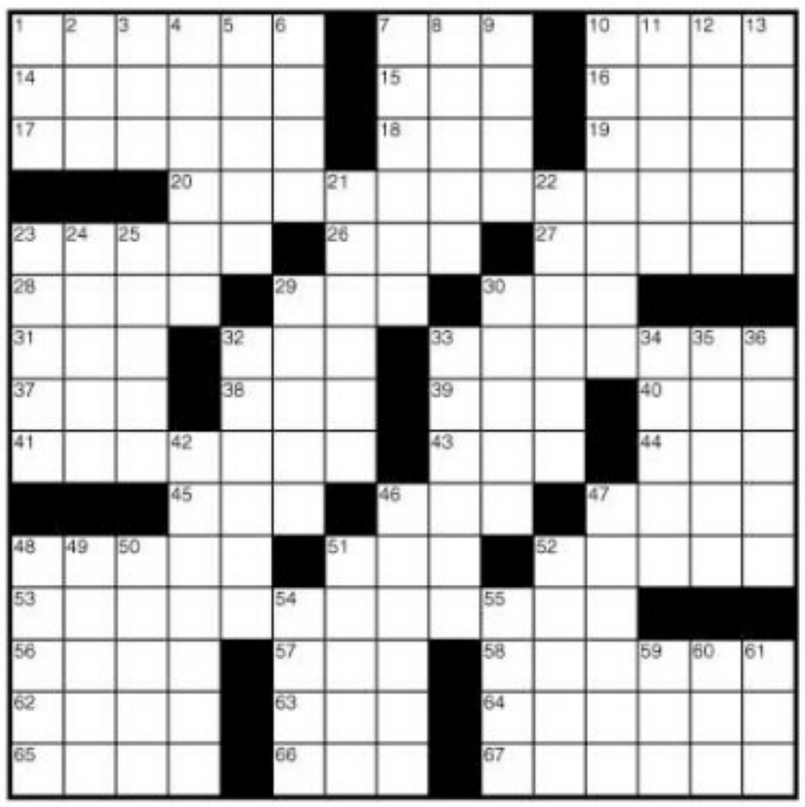

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THAI ME UP!

Bangkok is back in business as the city returns to normal after 2011's massive floods While you're there, spend a weekend in Hua Hin

In Thailand, the coconut palm is called the "tree of life" because every part is valued; it's at once an agricultural resource and a national treasure. The fruit's oil and the sugar extracted from its flowers' sap, for example, are essential culinary ingredients. Though skyscrapers may now outnumber palms in Bangkok, there's still a similar reverence for all things great and small. The city's burgeoning industry, Buddhist tradition and loyalty to the king all coexist. This seamless integration of future, past and present is what gives the bustling epicenter its rich flavor. Or perhaps it's the chili, sweet basil and coconut milk.

While the Southeast Asian capital of sugar, spice and everything iced has suffered a number of blows over the past decade — most recently 2011's floods, which the World Bank ranked the fourth costliest global natural disaster in history — it remains vibrant. Since December, flood waters have receded and business looks to rebound. "We are a nation of resilience," says William Heinecke, CEO of Minor International, owner of Thailand's premier hotel franchise, Anantara. Booking a holiday now benefits visitors and nationals alike: Tourism not only boosts the economy, but room rates and airfare are also inevitably cheaper and more widely available.

If that's not enticing, Metro offers this itinerary to nourish your mind, body and spirit.

What to do

Hail a tuk-tuk — a motorized rickshaw that audaciously weaves through traffic — to the Grand Palace complex, where pristine white walls inside are gold-leafed architectural marvels. Get lost trailing 800 meters of murals depicting the Hindu epic Ramayana. At the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, cover shoulders and knees, respectfully bow your head and take a mental picture of its wealth of beauty. In walking distance, Wat Pho's red ceramic rooftops house more than 1,000 Buddha statues as well as a Thai massage school for an affordable indulgence. At sunset, take a ferry across the Chao Phraya River to Wat Arun for idyllic views atop steep, tiled stairwells.

Where to stay

Thailand's notoriously humid climate justifies bathing at least twice daily, but so do the Metropolitan Hotel's limestone showers and COMO Shambala eucalyptus, mint and lavender spa products. In suites overlooking Bangkok's upscale Sathorn district, Eastern teak Ming-style chairs compliment modern European platform beds and streamlined decor. In addition to its staff's unmatched hospitality, the boutique hotel boasts a wellness center, two restaurants, a bar-cum-nightclub and an outdoor lap pool. **www.metropolitan.bangkok.como.bz**

Where to dine

While 7-11 is Bangkok's most omnipresent pit stop to get your Thai iced-coffee fix, for quality bites, discover The Deck on Chinatown's waterfront. Sure, pad Thai is a safe lunchtime bet, but don't skip their deep-fried garlic and cilantro soft-shell crab and save room for sweet black sticky rice with sliced mango. For dinner, nahm offers a feast for all senses. Chef David Thompson's classic Thai canapes served on traditional pottery match the atmosphere's authenticity. A dining tip: Contrary to popular belief in the States, Thais primarily eat with a fork and spoon, not chopsticks.

A royal retreat

Trade traffic jams for a tranquil weekend jaunt in Hua Hin, a developing coastal city 2.5 hours from Bangkok.

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Stay: Anantara Hua Hin
Canals encircle bungalows, wild branches weave into stairwells and terra-cotta fish heads illuminate landscaped pathways in this organic oasis. Beachside, spy fishing boats along the horizon. Lagoon-side, wade to the gentle hum of fluted bamboo fountains where an infinity pool meets a lily-blanketed pond. Find nature even indoors — orchids and well-wishes written in gold ink on banana leaves rest on your pillow each night. The royal treatment continues at the resort's spa, three restaurants and cooking school. **www.huahin.anantara.com**

Dine: Night market
Among handicrafts and souvenirs is a street-food paradise. Buy a Singha beer koozie for an ice-cold one, pick up a plate of dried shredded pork or fried mussels with bean sprouts and pour on the Sriracha sauce.

Drink: Hua Hin Hills Vineyard
Ascend winding roads through lush terrain to a vineyard guarded by elephant topiaries. At its Sala bistro, stain your lips sampling wines that compliment the spicy national cuisine with fruity aromas. Take home Monsoon Valley's signature White Shiraz made from grapes harvested there. **www.huahinhillsvineyard.com**

Do: Mrigadayavan Palace of King Rama VI
Honor a strict dress code at the hallowed "palace of love and hope," constructed in 1923 as the Royal Family's summer home. Take respite from the heat on a barefoot walk down the corridors of its oceanfront pavilions. And do not to smell the garden's flowers; their fragrance is an offering to Buddha.

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Ranger rivalry back on

Bruins sputtering but first-place Rangers on a tear ◗ New York invades TD Garden for first time since overtime win ◗ Rivalry could become full-fledged if teams meet this spring

The whole "revenge" deal didn't work out well for Boston fans the last time payback was sought on New York.

But as soon as Rob Gronkowski's outstretched arms just missed Tom Brady's Hail Mary attempt nine days ago, Boston was more than ready to begin tossing hate at another team from the Big Apple.

The Rangers-Bruins rivalry has been dormant for quite some time, but it's a distinct possibility that the boys in blue will become pucks enemy No. 1 this spring.

The B's are coming off a 4-3 shootout victory over Nashville on Saturday and practiced light for nearly an hour at TD Garden Monday.

Boston also recalled defenseman Andrew Bodnarchuk from Providence yesterday after sending down Steven Kampfer.

The Rangers, meanwhile, come to Boston as the top team in the Eastern Conference with 77 points on the year. The last time the two squads met, New York won a 3-2 thriller at TD Garden, with Marian Gaborik netting a backhander with 3.6 seconds left in overtime.

New York has consistently been the top team in the East this season with the Bruins currently holding the No. 2 slot in the conference standings. The Rangers are riding a three-game win steak having beat Tampa Bay (4-3), Philadelphia (5-2) and Washington (3-2) in the past week.

The two teams will meet again at Madison Square Garden in a nationally televised game on Sunday, March 4.

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Can't stand ya

A look at the last three games the Bruins have played against the Rangers:

- **Jan. 21, 2012** Rangers beat Bruins in OT, 3-2.
- **April 4, 2011** Bruins fall in New York, 5-3.
- **March 26, 2011** Bruins are shut out at home, 1-0.

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▶ New York's Mike Rupp and Boston's Shawn Thornton dropped the gloves the last time the Rangers and Bruins met back on Jan. 21.

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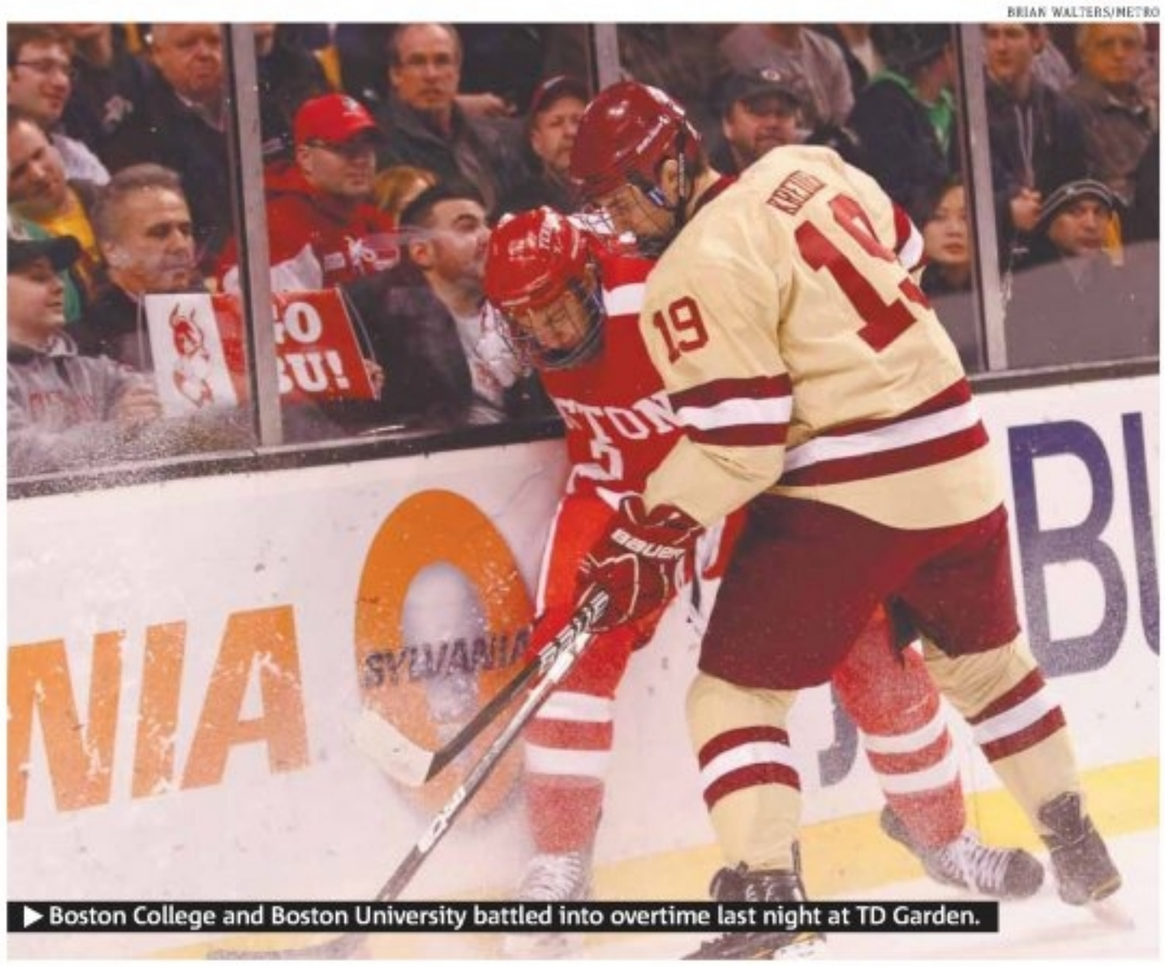

▶ Boston College and Boston University battled into overtime last night at TD Garden.

Boston College takes Beanpot

As always, Boston College and Boston University needed a few more minutes to get a few more digs in at each other.

The 60th Beanpot title game went to overtime last night at TD Garden but BC's Bill Arnold proved to be the hero for the Eagles as he scored with seven seconds left in the first extra session.

The two teams finished regulation tied, 2-2.

Garrett Noonan's second goal of the game tied the title game up at two for BU in the third off a power play.

Boston College took advantage of a late second-period power play as Chris Kreider cranked a wrister past BU goaltender Kieran Millan off the assist from Johnny Gaudreau to put the Eagles up 2-1.

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With the OT victory, the Eagles have won three consecutive Beanpot titles. It was Boston College's sixth tourney championship since 2000.

The Terriers got on the board 15 minutes into the second period as Noonan slid a shot past BC's Parker Milner to knot the game at one.

Pat Mullane tallied the first goal for BC.

Harvard beat Northeastern, 3-2, in the consolation game at the Garden. Harvard last won the title in the 1992-93 season. **MATT BURKE**

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In the news

Ortiz, Red Sox avoid squabble

Multiple sources said the Red Sox and designated hitter David Ortiz avoided arbitration yesterday, just hours before their scheduled hearing, and settled on a one-year, $14.5 million deal that will bring back the slugger for the 2012 season. Ortiz had been looking for a $16.5 million deal and the Sox were offering $12.6 million. "Big Papi" made $12.5 million last season as he hit .309 with a .398 OBP, hitting 29 homers and driving in 96 runs.

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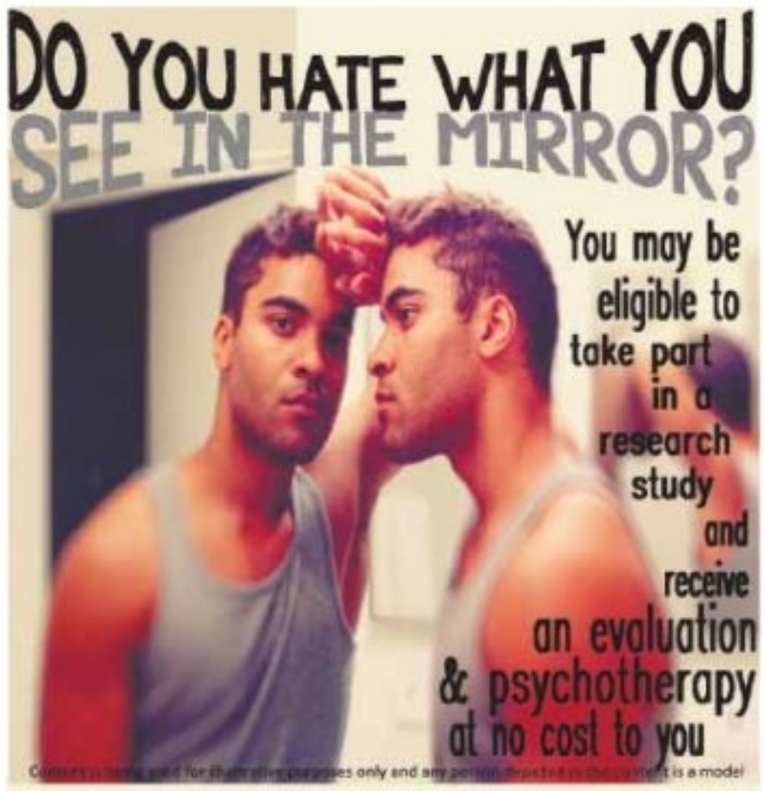
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